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**RE: STB Finance Docket No. 35407** **228670**  
**GNP RLY, INC. – ACQUISITION AND OPERATION EXEMPTION –**  
**REDMOND SPUR AND WOODINVILLE SUBDIVISION**

**STB Docket No. AB-6 (SUB. NO. 463X)** **228671**  
**BNSF RAILWAY COMPANY – ABANDONMENT EXEMPTION – IN**  
**KING COUNTY, WA**

**STB Docket No. AB-6 (SUB. NO. 465X)** **228672**  
**BNSF RAILWAY COMPANY – ABANDONMENT EXEMPTION – IN**  
**KING COUNTY, WA**

Dear Ms. Brown,

Petitioner GNP Rly Inc. (“GNP”) respectfully requests a meeting of the parties with the Board’s Office of Public Assistance to discuss areas of agreement and potential agreement regarding future utilization of the Eastside Rail Corridor in King and Snohomish Counties, WA.

GNP is encouraged by King County’s recent revelation that the County is *not* unalterably opposed to the reactivation of rail service on the Lines. See, Motion of King County for Leave to Reply, filed January 7, 2011 under this docket

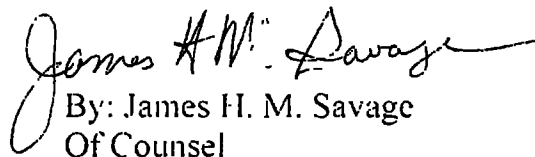
number. Moreover, GNP has what it would respectfully characterize as a good working relationship with the Port of Seattle, under whose auspices GNP is currently providing rail freight service on the Northern Segment of the Eastside Rail Corridor, including Port-owned portions of the Redmond Spur. Additionally, GNP wishes to involve Redmond in discussions concerning reactivating freight rail service for shippers west of the Sammanish River along the Redmond-owned segment of the Spur. All other parties should have the opportunity to participate in this meeting, as well as non-party stakeholders including but not limited to other communities along the Rail Corridor. To that end, GNP would be willing to undertake the obligation to provide notice to all parties and potential stakeholders.

Recognizing that some parties are represented by D.C. counsel, while others are represented by Washington State counsel, GNP would offer to bear one-half of the cost of setting up and transmitting a two way teleconference between those attending the meeting in the Board's D.C. offices and those choosing to participate by remote link-up from a convenient location in downtown Seattle.

GNP is willing to leave no stone unturned in attempting to achieve a universally satisfactory negotiated settlement with the other parties. To preserve the status quo, GNP would respectfully request the Board enter an Order holding these proceedings in abeyance for 30 days to enable the parties to schedule and appear for the above requested meeting.

We thank the Board for its time and consideration.

Respectfully submitted,  
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### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, James H. M. Savage, hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing Letter Request of GNP filed January 24, 2011 by King County to GNP's Motion for Protective Order was served by first-class United States mail or electronic mail upon the following:

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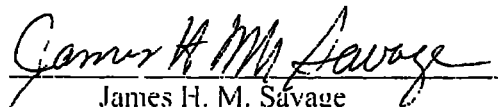
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